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Situated generally between 10° and 29° south latitude and between 138° and 154° east longitude, Queensland occupies the north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. Of the six States of the Commonwealth, Queensland ranks second in area and third in population.

AREA	1,727,200 square kilometres (including islands), equivalent to more than seven times the area of the United Kingdom, three times the area of France or one-fifth of the area of the USA
COASTLINE	9,800 kilometres (including islands), 7,400 kilometres on the mainland
CAPITAL CITY	Brisbane, situated 16 kilometres from the sea
TIME	Eastern Standard Time, 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time
1824	First European settlement
1859	Colony separated from New South Wales
1901	State of the Commonwealth of Australia

Queensland is a constituent State of the Commonwealth of Australia, observing the Federal Constitution and, while returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal Parliament, is governed by its own State Parliament. A further level of government, local government, derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament.

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Front cover photograph: Queen Street, south-west of Edward Street—1897

Back cover photograph: Queen Street mall, south-west of Edward Street—2000

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## Preface

*Queensland Pocket Year Book* is a companion publication to *Queensland Year Book* (1301.3). It provides a broad statistical picture of Queensland's economic and social environment in a convenient pocket size. Tables for this *Pocket Year Book* have been selected from *Queensland Year Book, 2001*.

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The following symbols mean:

n.a.	not available
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
p	preliminary

**QUEENSLAND IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA**

	Measurement	Date or period	Queensland	% of Australia
Area	sq km	..	1 727 200	22.5
Estimated resident population	'000	30 June 1999	3 512.4	18.5
Births	'000	1998-99	47.0	19.0
Natural increase	'000	1998-99	24.5	20.6
Higher education(a)	no.	31 March 1998	120 632	18.0
Cause of death — melanoma of skin	no.	1998	222	22.7
Agricultural production				
Beef and veal	tonnes	1998-99	910 432	45.3
Mutton and lamb	tonnes	1998-99	40 178	6.6
Sugar cane(b)	'000 tonnes	(c)31 March 1998	36 790	93.1
Tobacco	tonnes	(c)31 March 1998	4 360	55.4
Mining, value added	\$m	1997-98	4 993.3	21.0
Manufacturing, turnover	\$m	1997-98	31 433.2	14.8
Houses completed	no.	1998-99	20 565	20.9
Foreign merchandise imports	\$m	1998-99	10 802.3	11.1
Foreign merchandise exports	\$m	1998-99	15 907.5	18.5
New motor vehicle registrations(d)	'000	1999	133.5	17.4

For footnotes see end of table.

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**QUEENSLAND IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA—continued**

	Measurement	Date or period	Queensland	% of Australia
Retail trade, turnover(e)	\$m	1998–99	25 509.3	18.7
Takings from accommodation(f)	\$m	1999	1 059.8	26.0
Gambling takings and commissions	\$m	1997–98	1 635.5	13.9
Adults accessing a computer	'000	1998	1 481.0	18.3
Adults accessing the internet	'000	1998	771.0	18.2
Adults using electronic commerce	'000	1998	1 974.0	19.2
Industrial disputes(g)	no.	1999	93	12.9
Working days lost(g)	'000	1999	58.9	13.0

(a) Excluding Bond University. (b) Cut for crushing. (c) 12 months ending 31 March 1998. (d) 12 months ending November 1999. Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers. (e) Excluding motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (f) Hotels, motels, guest houses with facilities and serviced apartments. 12 months ending September 1999. (g) 12 months ending November 1999.

Source: ABS

**TEMPERATURES FOR SIX TYPICAL STATIONS, Queensland**

Station	1998		1999	
	Mean maximum °C	Mean minimum °C	Mean maximum °C	Mean minimum °C
Brisbane(a)	25.7	16.2	24.5	15.7
Rockhampton	28.9	17.9	28.5	16.7
Cairns	30.0	21.7	29.0	20.7
Charleville	28.5	14.4	28.0	13.6
Longreach	31.7	17.0	30.8	15.6
Mount Isa	32.5	17.5	31.6	16.3

(a) At Brisbane airport.

Source: *Bureau of Meteorology*.

**SEATS IN QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT**

	1996(a)	1998	1998(b)	1999(c)	1999(d)	2000(e)
Party	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Labor	44	44	45	45	45	45
National	29	23	23	23	23	23
Liberal	15	9	9	9	9	9
Independant	1	2	2	7	6	6
City Country Alliance	..	..	..	..	6	6
One Nation(f)	..	11	10	5	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>

(a) After the Mundingburra by-election. (b) After the Mulgrave by-election. (c) In February 1999, three Members resigned and two Members were expelled from the One Nation Party. (d) During 1999, four of the representatives of the One Nation Party elected to the Queensland Parliament in 1998 declared themselves to be Independents and the remaining One Nation Members formed a new party: the City Country Alliance Queensland. (e) After the Bundamba and Woodridge by-elections. (f) Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party contested the Queensland State elections for the first time in 1998.

Source: *Department of the Premier and Cabinet.*

**POPULATION AND GROWTH IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS,  
Queensland—At 30 June 1999p**

Statistical division	Estimated resident population	Proportion of Queensland	Average annual growth rate, 1994 to 1999
Brisbane	1 601 417	45.6	1.9
Moreton	675 925	19.2	3.6
Wide Bay–Burnett	232 987	6.6	1.7
Darling Downs	201 446	5.7	0.3
South West	25 711	0.7	-1.4
Fitzroy	181 202	5.2	0.8
Central West	12 255	0.3	-1.1
Mackay	125 977	3.6	1.8
Northern	197 302	5.6	0.9
Far North	222 451	6.3	2.4
North West	35 683	1.0	-0.6
<b>Queensland(a)</b>	<b>3 512 356</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>

(a) Including persons not counted elsewhere, e.g. off-shore areas and migratory.

Source: *Regional Population Growth, Australia* (3218.0).

**SETTLER ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH, Queensland**

Country of birth	1998 no.	1999 no.
Oceania and Antarctica	7 234	8 216
Europe and former USSR	3 201	3 223
Middle East and North Africa	225	189
South-East Asia	1 073	1 062
North-East Asia	1 850	1 626
Southern Asia	307	278
The Americas	424	417
Africa (excluding North Africa)	779	1 013
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>15 095</b>	<b>16 028</b>

(a) Including not stated.

Source: *Unpublished data, Overseas Arrivals and Departures*.

**MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH, Queensland**

Year	Males	Females
1976	68.4	75.2
1981	69.6	76.4
1986	70.6	76.9
1991	71.9	78.4
1996	73.2	80.1
1998	74.0	80.3

Source: *Demography, Queensland* (3311.3); *Deaths, Australia* (3302.0).

**PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, Queensland—1998**

Underlying cause	Persons	Percentage of total deaths	
		Males	Females
Heart disease	6 272	27.5	28.9
Cancer	6 132	29.5	25.0
Cerebrovascular disease	2 019	6.9	11.6
Respiratory system disease	2 096	9.9	8.8
External causes	1 560	8.9	4.7

Source: *Causes of Death, Australia* (3303.0).

**LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY STATISTICAL REGIONS, Queensland—May 2000**

	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate(a)	Participation rate(b)
Region	'000	'000	'000	%	%
<i>Brisbane Major Statistical Region</i>					
Brisbane City Inner Ring	792.9	56.5	849.4	6.7	65.8
Brisbane City Outer Ring	189.7	12.9	202.6	6.4	66.8
South and East BSD Balance	261.4	15.0	276.4	5.4	65.8
North and West BSD Balance	161.9	14.4	176.3	8.2	66.6
	179.8	14.3	194.1	7.4	64.0
<i>Balance of Queensland</i>	887.8	84.0	971.8	8.6	64.5
South and East Moreton	173.0	16.3	189.3	8.6	62.8
North and West Moreton	134.4	16.7	151.1	11.1	61.1
Wide Bay–Burnett	95.3	9.8	105.1	9.3	57.9
Darling Downs and South West	116.6	7.5	124.1	6.0	63.9
Mackay, Fitzroy and Central West	161.3	13.7	175.0	7.8	70.6
Northern and North West	105.3	11.7	117.0	10.0	69.4
Far North	101.7	8.0	109.7	7.3	66.4
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1 680.6</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>1 821.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>65.1</b>

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

Source: *Unpublished data, Labour Force Survey.*

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES,  
States and Territories**

State or Territory	February		Percentage change
	1999	2000	
New South Wales	825.60	855.30	3.6
Victoria	769.20	795.40	3.4
Queensland	732.70	753.80	2.9
South Australia	742.30	760.30	2.4
Western Australia	783.70	824.90	5.3
Tasmania	746.40	750.60	0.6
Northern Territory	784.80	812.90	3.6
Australian Capital Territory	867.50	909.90	4.9
<b>Australia</b>	<b>783.70</b>	<b>811.20</b>	<b>3.5</b>

Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)*.

**PRIMARY ENROLMENTS, Queensland—1999(a)**

Year	Males	Females	Total
	no.	no.	no.
1	27 280	25 248	52 528
2	26 618	25 800	52 418
3	26 187	25 104	51 291
4	26 293	24 939	51 232
5	25 731	24 565	50 296
6	25 351	24 299	49 650
7	25 176	23 932	49 108
Ungraded	1 502	963	2 465
<b>Total</b>	<b>184 138</b>	<b>174 850</b>	<b>358 988</b>

(a) As at 1 August.

Source: *Schools, Australia* (4221.0).

**SECONDARY ENROLMENTS, Queensland—1999(a)**

Year	Males no.	Females no.	Total no.
8	25 817	24 389	50 206
9	25 881	24 603	50 484
10	25 054	24 453	49 507
11	22 236	22 920	45 156
12	18 358	19 754	38 112
Ungraded	1 252	879	2 131
<b>Total</b>	<b>118 598</b>	<b>116 998</b>	<b>235 596</b>

(a) As at 1 August.

Source: Schools, Australia (4221.0).

**HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS(a) BY UNIVERSITY, Queensland—1999**

University	Males	Females	Persons
	no.	no.	no.
Queensland	13 780	15 811	29 591
QUT	13 297	16 008	29 305
Griffith	9 766	12 835	22 601
Southern Queensland	7 552	7 911	15 463
Central Queensland	5 968	6 352	12 320
James Cook	3 726	6 145	9 871
Sunshine Coast	1 033	1 353	2 386
<b>Total</b>	<b>55 122</b>	<b>66 145</b>	<b>121 537</b>

(a) Excluding students attending Bond University or Australian Catholic University.

Source: *Selected Higher Education Student Statistics*.

**VICTIMS(a) BY OFFENCE CATEGORY(b), Queensland**

Offence category	1998		1999	
	no.	rate(c)	no.	rate(c)
Murder and attempted murder				
Murder	64	1.9	63	1.8
Attempted murder	150	4.3	111	3.2
Manslaughter and driving causing death				
Manslaughter	10	0.3	12	0.3
Driving causing death	43	1.3	31	0.9
Total	267	7.7	217	6.2
Assault	18 329	530.7	18 443	525.1
Sexual assault	3 485	100.9	3 521	100.3
Kidnapping/abduction	98	2.8	94	2.7
Robbery				
Armed robbery	1 285	37.2	1 257	35.8
Unarmed robbery	1 246	36.1	1 209	34.4
Total	2 531	73.3	2 466	70.2

For footnotes see end of table.

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**VICTIMS(a) BY OFFENCE CATEGORY(b), Queensland—continued**

Offence category	1998		1999	
	no.	rate(c)	no.	rate(c)
Blackmail/extortion	78	2.3	70	2.0
Unlawful entry with intent				
Property theft	56 907	1 647.8	56 366	1 604.8
Other	17 685	512.1	17 834	507.8
Total	74 592	2 159.9	74 200	2 112.5
Motor vehicle theft	15 693	454.4	18 251	519.6
Other theft	97 384	2 819.9	105 096	2 992.2

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of offence. (b) Crime statistics for 1998 and 1999 are in compliance with the offence definitions outlined in the Australian Standard Offence Classification.

(c) Rate per 100,000 population.

Source: *Recorded Crime, Australia (4510.0)*.

**QUEENSLAND MAIN STATE OF INTENDED STAY: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS  
BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**

Country of residence	1998	1999	Percentage change, 1998 to 1999
	'000	'000	
Asia			
Japan	431.8	403.6	30.8
South Korea	13.4	26.3	2.0
Taiwan	52.5	63.8	4.9
Hong Kong	50.4	47.8	3.6
Malaysia	21.5	31.0	2.4
Singapore	63.4	62.7	4.8
Indonesia	8.2	10.2	0.8
Balance	34.8	44.7	3.4
Europe			
UK and Ireland	84.0	99.8	7.6
Balance(a)	68.7	85.3	6.5
New Zealand	255.8	260.8	19.9

For footnotes see end of table.

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**QUEENSLAND MAIN STATE OF INTENDED STAY: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS  
BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE—continued**

Country of residence	'000	'000	%	Percentage change, 1998 to 1999
				1998
North America				
Canada	13.3	14.1	1.1	5.8
USA	58.8	67.9	5.2	15.5
Other countries	76.7	92.0	7.0	20.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 233.1</b>	<b>1 309.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>

(a) Excluding former USSR and Baltic States.

Source: *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3401.0)*.

**NUMBER, AREA AND LAND USE OF AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS,  
Queensland**

Particulars	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Total area of Queensland	'000 ha	175 528	175 528	175 528
Agricultural establishments	no.	30 986	30 951	30 753
Area of agricultural establishments	'000 ha	149 560	148 186	140 310
Total area of crops(a)	'000 ha	2 685	2 682	3 014
Area of cereal crops(b)	'000 ha	1 676	1 592	1 756
Area of orchard trees	'000 ha	29	13	29
Area of vegetables	'000 ha	35	33	35

(a) Excluding pastures or grasses. (b) Excluding pasture and grasses harvested for hay or seed.

Source: *Agricultural Commodities, Australia* (7121.0); *Agriculture, Australia* (7113.0); *unpublished data, Agricultural Commodity Survey*.

**VALUE, AT MINE, OF MINERALS PRODUCED, Queensland and Australia**

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	Australia(a)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Metal ores	1 716.4	1 902.5	2 051.6	14 895.2
Coal	3 946.8	4 734.5	4 906.2	9 917.5
Oil and gas	354.5	314.6	386.3	9 302.9
Construction materials(b)	n.a.	316.8	343.6	n.a.
Other non-metal ores(c)	(d)101.1	(d)107.9	(d)83.3	n.a.
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>6 118.8</b>	<b>7 376.3</b>	<b>7 771.0</b>	<b>34 115.7</b>

(a) Excluding Australian Capital Territory. (b) Construction materials are collected on a triennial basis by the ABS from 1989-90. (c) Totals represent the totals of available data. (d) Including value of clays and limestone.

Source: *Mining Operations, Australia (8415.0); Department of Mines and Energy*.

### PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL METAL ORE MINERALS, Queensland

Mineral	Unit	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Bauxite(a)	'000 tonnes	9 149	9 247	10 761
Copper concentrate(b)	'000 tonnes	1 069	941	1 226
Gold bullion (including alluvial gold)	kilograms	39 281	42 679	38 301
Lead concentrate(b)	'000 tonnes	320	412	564
Mineral sands				
Ilmenite concentrate				
Run-of-mine	'000 tonnes	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Upgrades(c)	'000 tonnes	70	153	95
Rutile concentrate	'000 tonnes	51	84	80
Zircon concentrate	'000 tonnes	37	62	58
Nickel ore	'000 tonnes	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tin concentrate	tonnes	125	12	15
Zinc concentrate(b)	'000 tonnes	411	383	385
Zinc-lead concentrate(d)	'000 tonnes	9	—	—

(a) Including beneficiated and calcined bauxite. (b) Mainly comprising Mount Isa Mines Ltd production.

(c) Upgraded by mechanical means. (d) Comprising Mount Isa Mines Ltd production.

Source: *Department of Mines and Energy*.

## **MANUFACTURING, Queensland—1998–99**

ANZSIC industry subdivision	Employment at end of June(a)	Wages and salaries(b)	Turnover
	'000	\$m	\$m
Food, beverage and tobacco	38.3	1 277	10 314
Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	5.4	128	620
Wood and paper products	12.8	385	1 877
Printing, publishing and recorded media	11.7	391	1 533
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	11.8	460	4 691
Non-metallic mineral products	6.4	254	1 888
Metal products	26.2	906	6 851
Machinery and equipment	23.5	811	3 583
Other manufacturing	9.7	250	1 110
<b>Total</b>	<b>145.6</b>	<b>4 860</b>	<b>32 466</b>

(a) Including working proprietors. (b) Excluding the drawings of working proprietors and provisions for employee entitlements.

Source: *Manufacturing Industry, Australia, Preliminary* (8201.0).

**NUMBER AND VALUE OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Queensland**

Year	New houses		New other residential buildings		Total	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1996-97	23 533	2 412.3	9 288	779.3	32 821	3 191.6
1997-98	24 013	2 593.4	11 741	1 014.8	35 754	3 608.1
1998-99	21 313	2 405.3	8 831	717.6	30 144	3 122.9

Source: *Building Approvals, Queensland (8731.3); unpublished data, Building Approvals.*

**MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER, Queensland—At 31 October**

Type of vehicle	1997 '000	1998 '000	1999 '000
Passenger vehicles	1 607.5	1 680.7	1 741.1
Campervans	4.7	5.0	5.2
Light commercial vehicles	361.1	377.9	396.3
Trucks	79.3	81.5	85.7
Buses	12.9	13.5	14.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 065.5</b>	<b>2 158.6</b>	<b>2 242.4</b>
Motor cycles	66.6	70.3	73.2

Source: Motor Vehicle Census, Australia (9309.0).

**PRINCIPAL FOREIGN EXPORTS, Queensland(a)**

Commodity	1997-98 \$m	1998-99 \$m
Coal	5 526.1	5 508.3
Meat and meat preparations	1 623.6	1 905.6
Non-ferrous metals(b)	1 288.2	1 514.7
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(b)	990.4	1 018.2
Machinery and transport equipment	747.2	678.3
Cotton	560.4	565.5
Cereals and cereal preparations	408.4	327.8
Sugar	1 249.6	113.1
Other(c)	3 894.3	4 268.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 288.2</b>	<b>15 900.2</b>

(a) Excluding non-merchandise trade. (b) Excluding items for which details are not publishable. (c) Including items for which details are not publishable.

Source: *Unpublished data, Foreign Trade.*

**PRINCIPAL FOREIGN IMPORTS(a), Queensland**

Commodity	1997-98 \$m	1998-99 \$m
Road vehicles	2 313.2	2 379.8
Petroleum and petroleum products(b)	1 133.7	1 068.5
Machinery, specialised for particular industries	769.9	805.5
General industrial machinery and equipment	518.7	741.7
Power generating machinery and equipment(b)	267.2	375.9
Non-monetary gold	209.3	262.5
Other	4 539.1	5 176.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 751.0</b>	<b>10 809.9</b>

(a) Excluding non-merchandise trade. (b) Excluding items for which details are not publishable.

Source: *Unpublished data, Foreign Trade.*

**CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICES, Brisbane**

Group	1993-94 to 1998-99	1997-98 to 1998-99
Food	13.8	3.2
Clothing	-0.5	-0.1
Housing	1.2	0.8
Household equipment and operation	8.8	0.2
Transportation	7.6	-1.8
Tobacco and alcohol	27.8	2.1
Health and personal care	22.3	0.1
Recreation and education	15.1	2.7
All groups	11.1	1.1

Source: *Consumer Price Index, Australia (6401.0)*.



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